

## Message Text

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TO AMEMBASSY CAIRO

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E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: ACOM, ASEC

SUBJECT: CLASSIFICATION AND DISTRIBUTION PROBLEMS

REF: (A) CAIRO 7660; (B) STATE 215548

FROM EXECUTIVE SECRETARY

1. WHILE DEPARTMENT APPRECIATES CONCERN EXPRESSED REF (A), OVERCLASSIFICATION IS NOT THE ANSWER. EMBASSY SHOULD NOT CONFUSE CLASSIFICATION QUESTION WITH DISTRIBUTION CONTROLS FOR SENSITIVE SUBJECTS (SEE REF B). THE MAIN POINT TO BE MADE HERE IS THAT THE CLASSIFICATION OF A MESSAGE THROUGH SECRET DOES NOT LIMIT ITS DISTRIBUTION. RATHER DISTRIBUTION IS LIMITED BY RESTRICTIVE CAPTIONS SUCH AS LIMDIS, STADIS, EXDIS, AND NODIS, OR, IN THEIR ABSENCE, THROUGH THE JUDGMENT OF AN ANALYST IN THE OFFICE OF COMMUNICATIONS.

2. RE FINAL SENTENCE PARAGRAPH ONE REF (A), YOUR ASSUMPTION IS CORRECT.

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## Message Attributes

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